in April, 1987 in the Department of Electronics and 4 machines were purchased in the month of March, 1987 in the Ministry or Environment and Forests.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The purchases were made for making photo copies of important papers relating to the work of Divisions for maintaining exclusivity and confidentiality, and are being used for that purpose.

(e) and (f) No, Sir. (g)

Yes, Sir.

Accident Case involving an Officer of the Department of Electronics

3963. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press reports, involving a senior officer of Department of Electronics in an accidnnt case in USA, during the officers private visit to that country;

(b) if so, what are the details of the case and what is Government's liability in the matter; and

(c) whether it was correct to make Government of India a party to the said accident Case, by twisting the rules in favour of the officer and making Government pay a sum of half a million dollars?,

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN); (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) The officer visited USA in connection with the Board meeting of Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers. He also took this opportunity to visit M/s. Varian Associates for discussing transfer of technology which was already under negotiation. While returning from this discussion he was involved in a motor-car accident. Government's liability in the matter is restricted to what is normally applicable in such cases.

(c) Decisions in the case have been taken in accordance with the rules.

प्रधान मंत्री की राज्यों की यात्रा

3964. **श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक।** क्या **योजना** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1987 में संसद के पिछले सत्र के दौरान प्रधान मंत्री ने किन-किन राज्यों की यात्रा की थी ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि अपनी न यात्राओं के दौरान उन्होंने इन राज्यों को करोड़ों रुपए की आर्थिक सहायता दिए जाने की घोषणा की थी ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या उड़ीसा राज्य को यह सहायता धनराशि दिए जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो कितनी धनराशि दिए जाने का विचार है और यह धनराशि इसे कब तक दे दिए जाने की संभावना है ; और

(ङ) उड़ीसा राज्य के उन जिलों के नाम क्या हैं जिन्हें यह सहायता दिए जाने का विचार है ?

योजना मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुख राम) : (क) प्रधान मंत्री जी ने 1987 में संसद के पिछले सत्र के दौरान 9 राज्यों अर्थात् पश्चिम बंगाल, केरल, जम्मू और कश्मीर, तामिलनाडु, आन्ध्र प्रदेश, कर्नाटक, हरियाणा, उत्तर प्रदेश और असम का दौरा किया था।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) से (ङ) प्रश्न उत्पन्न नहीं होते।